

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 3, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:45, immediately following the Council executive session.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Student Advisor, Jessica Miller was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – We are in need of a utility easement from the school for 16th Street. There is a 6 inch line there now and it needs to be an 8 inch line. Smith made a motion to approve the easement. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Gave the City medallion to two RES students.
2. Thanks to those who participated in the Memorial Day ceremony.
3. The Comprehensive Plan and Marketing met on the 27th and 29th.
4. Farm Credit Services held their open house last week. Farm Credit said they would like to do something to give back to the community and asked if we had a project they could help with. They decided to help raise money to be able to construct a pavilion at the Amphitheater, which will replace a tent damaged in a storm. Farm Credit's goal is to raise \$5000.00 through local donations and they will match that amount.
5. Helped out with the opening ceremony for Flatrock River Lodge Senior Olympics.
6. The high school graduation is June 8th.
7. We will have a conference call with the EIDD on the 16th.
8. We have had meetings regarding the camera in the parks. The camera at Wilkie Park is working and the police can view in their vehicles. The cameras in South Veteran's Park are not working properly; therefore, we are working toward getting the same type of camera as we have at Wilkie Park.

9. In an effort to cut down on vandalism, we have also discussed the possibility of only allowing access to the gazebo to someone who has reserved the gazebo for an event.
10. The grate in South Veteran's Park, (Mad Max) is under construction.
11. Two interns are working this summer in the Mayor's office. They are Bryant Niehoff and Emilee Neeb. Niehoff is working three days per week. Niehoff is an urban planning student. Neeb's skills are more towards writing. She is also being shared with the Chamber and ECDC.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley reported that she will be attending the Clerk-Treasurer's conference next week in French Lick.

Reminded the Department Heads that their budgets are due by June 13th.

The handbook policy committee will be meeting Thursday at 4:00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bridges said the Memorial Day service was very nice. It was an honor to meet General Tulley.

Invited Council to the meeting Tuesday at 10:00 to discuss the Boys and Girls Club event on August 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park's Board** – The Rainers will be performing in Rushville this year and have been featured in Rolling Stone magazine as number 6 out of 30 top country groups.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – The surveys are wrapped up. We will be scheduling public meetings.
- **Marketing** – This will coincide with the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Trash Sub-Committee** – Containers have been ordered.
- **Employee Benefits/City Policy** – The committee will meet Thursday.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Keeping our eyes open.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the Board of Works promoted Officer Wombolt to the quartermaster position. We will need to modify the salary ordinance at the next meeting.

The re-design of the dispatch area should be completed in two weeks.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly reports for EMS, Fire, and Code Enforcement.

Jenkins said we have received a hardship application for the EMS. We will need to amend the EMS ordinance to include hardship applications.

Street – Commissioner Miller said he was able to purchase a used utility truck, with a trade in of our old utility truck and the old K-9 vehicle. The cost was \$11,000.00 and was paid for from the non-reverting fund.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **JTL Scope of Services** – The contract with JTL was approved by the Board of Works. The date to complete the ordinances has been shortened to October 31. We need to address a minimum housing ordinance. We also are asking for an opinion for the best use for the old park restaurant building. Shelley Wakefield said flood proofing the building is going to be the issue. Her recommendation is to raise the building or move it somewhere else. Sheehan made a motion to allow the Mayor to move the facility at which time he deems necessary and the budget is available. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Berkemeier opposing the vote.
2. **Covenant Release/Modifications-Former Girls & Boys Club Building** – Smith made a motion to approve the release. Sheehan second the motion. Motion carried.
3. **TIF Expansion of Existing and Consideration of Downtown** – John McCane explained the steps that need to be taken for the expansion of the Tif area and to form a new area. He also presented a map of the downtown area for consideration.

It was the consensus of Council to pursue the Tif expansion and the new downtown Tif area.

McCane informed Council that the unemployment rate in Rush County is 4.9%.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-8 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** - Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-8. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2014-7 Animal Clean Up Amending Ordinance 2014-5** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-7. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Insurance Update** – Kevin Mandrell explained that the insurance claims have not been too bad this year and does not expect much of an increase if any. He said July 1st we will need to start tracking the number of hours our employees work.
4. **Ordinance 2014-9 Use of EDIT Funds** – Newhouse is preparing the ordinance.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Smith said there is work being done along the old rail line near Waggoner Drive and wanted to know when it would be completed. Pavey said they bypassed the tile line and has been told that it is working.

Bridges asked about the swale on south side of town. Pavey said it is working well. Water use to pool in the area, but now it moves through pretty fast.

Relay for Life – Councilman Berkemeier said Relay for Life is June 14th and 15th.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.